

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-14 and 18-20 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 15 and 17 have been amended according to the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

The amendments are believed to obviate the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 15-20. Withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection is requested.

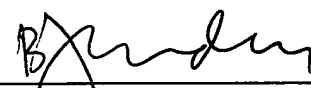
The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 18-20 is moot in view of the above.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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